

MANSFIELD ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN

**DIRECTORY OF
LICENSED EARLY CARE and EDUCATION, HOME CARE and
BEFORE and AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS
in
MANSFIELD, CT**

This directory is meant to be used by anyone looking for State-licensed early care and education, home care or before- and after-school programs in Mansfield. Program directors who agreed to participate in this project provided information about their programs to Sandy Baxter, who compiled the directory. Arrangement is by type of child care program -- *Early Care & Education Programs, Home Care* and *Before and After School Programs* -- and then alphabetically by name of program or provider.

The information about each program is descriptive only, and not to be interpreted as an endorsement of or recommendation by the Town of Mansfield Social Service Department or the Mansfield School Readiness Council. Every effort has been made to secure information that is accurate as of September 2009.

INFOLINE

To find out about *available* child care space, call INFOLINE
1-800-505-1000

This information is updated monthly.

Email: www.mansfieldct.org

Link to: Early Care and Education
Mansfield Advocates for Children

VIDEO

A 17-min. video, *Choosing Quality Child Care*, produced by the Child Care Team at the CT Dept. of Social Services in 1995, is available at the Mansfield Library, as well as many other parenting resources.

Kevin Grunwald, Director
Human Service Department

S. Baxter
MSR Coordinator

September 2009

TABLE OF CONTENTS

EARLY CARE & EDUCATION PROGRAMS	3
*Community Children’s Center (CCC).....	3
*Mansfield Discovery Depot.....	4
Mansfield Early Childhood Assistance Program.....	5
Mt. Hope Montessori School.....	6
Oak Grove Montessori Elementary and Preschool.....	7
*University of Connecticut Child Development Laboratories (Child Labs).....	8
*Willow House Preschool & Early Learning Center	9
BEFORE and AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS	10
The Mansfield Parks & Recreation After School Program	10
Mansfield After School Program (M.A.S.P) – MASP (Before)/After School Program	11
SACCNE (School-Age Child Care Programs of Northeast CT, Inc.).....	12
1. Annie E. Vinton Elementary Before School and After School Program	12
2. Southeast Elementary School Before and After School Program	13
HOME CARE	14
Lisa Beebe ABC Daycare.....	14
Suzanne Charron.....	15
Pamela Correll Little People’s Home Childcare	16
Linda Cunningham Circle of Friends	17
Diane Dorfer Green Dragons Day Care.....	18
Vincentia (Tia) Fricano Forever Friends Day Care.....	19
Beth Galvin 1 Hickory Lane.....	20
Mary Hodgins Old Schoolhouse Family Child Care/Preschool	21
Karri Prandy Kare-A-Lot Daycare	22
Kathy Stearns Kathy’s Daycare.....	24

PROGRAMS by ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Goodwin: Mansfield After School Program; Mansfield Discovery Depot; UConn Child Labs; Willow House; Mary Hodgins; Casey Leeds, Karri Prandy

Southeast: Mt. Hope Montessori; SACCNE; Suzanne Charron; Linda Cunningham; Beth Galvin; Diane Dorfer, Lena Rossi

Vinton: Community Children’s Center; SACCNE; Lisa Beebe; Pamela Correll; Vincentia Fricano

All 3 Districts: Mansfield Parks & Recreation After School Program; Mansfield Early Childhood Assistance Program

NOTE: * indicates State of CT School Readiness Grant Funded

EARLY CARE & EDUCATION PROGRAMS

**Community Children's Center (CCC)*

797 Mansfield City Road

Storrs, CT 06268

Phone: (860)456-7171

Director: Lisa Dahn (B.S., Human Development and Family Relations, UConn, 1973; member NAEYC)

School District: Vinton

Ages: 18 months to 5 years (pre-kindergarten)

Capacity: 10 toddlers, 16 pre-schoolers

Calendar: All year, Mon.-Fri., except Christmas Eve through New Year's Day, one week at the end of June and 2 days at the end of August. CCC is also closed Labor Day, Thanksgiving weekend, Presidents' Day, Memorial Day and July 4.

Program hours: 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. (full day); 7:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., and 12:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m. (half days).

Minimum days/week: 3 half days

Fee structure: half-day (= 1 slot) rate; 10% sibling discount

License #: 16060

Enrollment: starts in April for the next school year; enrollment is always open if we have room

Waiting list available: yes

Brochure/flyer available: yes

NAEYC accreditation: yes

Special features: Play-based curriculum; parent co-operative; large, creative play yard; relaxed, informal environment, beautiful new facility. Children's natural interest in play forms the basis of the CCC program and philosophy. Through play a child learns what it is to be a friend, to have a friend, to negotiate, compromise and solve problems. Materials like clay, crayons, paint, sand, water and building toys teach children to share, take turns and play together in large and small groups. Play takes place indoors and outdoors, so children learn about the world around them. Letters and numbers are a natural part of the CCC environment. We believe each child establishes an interest in them gradually and individually. The adults' job is to notice, support and encourage each child's interests and development in all areas. We provide a wide range of materials, games, songs and activities.

NOTE: Please call all centers/providers for additional information regarding alternative financial options

EARLY CARE & EDUCATION PROGRAMS

**Mansfield Discovery Depot*
50 Depot Rd.
Storrs, CT 06268

Phone: (860)487-0062 *Fax:* : (860)429-0646
Website: www.mansfieldct.org/discovery-depot

Director: Mary Jane Newman

School District: All Mansfield schools and surrounding towns.

Ages: 6 weeks to kindergarten

Capacity: 114

Ratio: Infants 3 to 1, Toddlers 4 to 1, 3-4 yr olds and K 10 to 1

Calendar: All year (except the week between Christmas and New Year's and the third week in August); Mon.-Fri.

Program hours: 7 a.m.-5:30 p.m. (M – F)

Fee structure: Infant \$243, Toddlers \$235 per wk, Preschool \$189 per wk, Kindergarten \$189 per wk. Sliding scale fees for children who are eligible, both of whose parents are working or in school. *See below.

License #: 13856

Staff Qualifications: 1st aid, Infant/Child CPR, Administration of Epi pen, and topical meds.

NAEYC Accreditation: Yes

Additional Info: Breakfast, Lunch, pm snack. Child and Adult care food program participant.

Special features: Curriculum is based on NAEYC criteria, SDE Preschool Assessment Framework and Performance Standards. Full-day kindergarten program. Building designed for children 6 wks – kindergarten, large indoor gross motor room, beautiful large multi-surface playground.

*Dept. of Social Services Funded – Sliding fee based on family size and income

*State Dept of Education School Readiness – sliding fee based on family size and income

NOTE: Please call all centers/providers for additional information regarding alternative financial options

EARLY CARE & EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Mansfield Early Childhood Assistance Program
(at Goodwin, Southeast and Vinton Elementary Schools)
Mansfield Public School
4 So. Eagleville Rd.
Storrs, CT 06268

Phone: (860)429-3353

Director: Dr. Rachel Leclerc, Director of Special Education and Student Support Services
Mansfield Public Schools

Ages: 3 and 4 yr. olds

Capacity: 18 Students a.m. session; 18 Students p.m. session.

Calendar: Programs follow the Mansfield Public Schools calendar.

Program hours: a.m. session 8:50-11:45 a.m.; p.m. session 12:50-3:30 p.m.

Fee structure: No fee

Transportation: Provided by regular transportation services of the Mansfield Public Schools.

Enrollment: Based on P.P.T. recommendation for special needs children; through screenings held in May of each year for preschool peers.

Waiting list available: yes

Brochure available: yes

NAEYC accreditation: No

Special features: In addition to the preschool program described above, the Mansfield Early Childhood Assistance Program offers a variety of services to preschool-age children and their parents.

NOTE: Please call all centers/providers for additional information regarding alternative financial options

EARLY CARE & EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Mt. Hope Montessori School
48 Bassetts Bridge Rd.
P.O. Box 267
Mansfield Center, CT 06250

Phone: (860)423-1070

Director: Kathleen Krider

School District: Southeast

Ages: 2 years, 9 months (September of school year) to age 6 (kindergarten)

Capacity: up to 52 preschoolers (ages 3-4); up to 26 kindergarteners

Calendar: Early September to mid-June for school year. Closed Labor Day, Thanksgiving weekend, the week between Christmas and New Year's, Martin Luther King Day, Presidents' Day, Good Friday and Memorial Day. .

Program hours: 9 a.m.-3 p.m. (full day); 9 a.m.-12 noon. (half day); 7:30-9 a.m. (before school); 3-5:30 p.m. (after school).

Minimum days per week: 4 consecutive half days or full days

Fee structure: Full-day and half-day fees

License #: 12892

Enrollment: start beginning of February; open until all spaces are filled

Brochure/flyer available: yes

Special features: Montessori philosophy; mixed-age classroom (3- to 5-yr.-olds); kindergarten program; curriculum based on the children's interest. See brochure for more information.

NOTE: Please call all centers/providers for additional information regarding alternative financial options

EARLY CARE & EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Oak Grove Montessori Elementary and Preschool
132 Pleasant Valley Rd.
Mansfield Center, CT 06250

Phone: (860)456-1031
Fax: (860)456-2907
Email: admin@ogms.org
Website: www.ogms.org

Head of School: Karen Drazen

Ages: 2 yrs 9 mos – 12 yrs

Capacity: 68 *Ratio:* 10 to 1 (preschool & K) 10 to 1 (grades 1-6)

Calendar: Close to Mansfield Public Schools calendar

Program hours: Preschool and kindergarten: 8:45 a.m.-3:30 p.m. all-day 3 yr old program available with naps (full day); 8:45 -11:45 a.m. and 12:30-3:30 p.m. (half days). Grades 1-6: 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. All ages: 7:30 a.m. to school opening (before school); from school closing to 5:30 p.m. (after school)

Minimum days/hours per week: For Preschool and Kindergarten, 4 half days (12 hours)

Enrollment: Begins in February for the following school year. Openings may be filled at any time

Waiting list available: yes

Brochure/flyer available: yes

Staff Qualifications: 1st aid, Infant/Child CPR, Administration of inhalant meds. Head teachers must have Montessori Certification.

Additional Info: NO MEALS

Special features: Affiliated with American Montessori Society. CAIS Accreditation

All classrooms are bright and well equipped with age-appropriate materials.

All classes are taught by certified Montessori teachers. the Mission of the Oak Grove Montessori Elementary and Preschool is to provide a nurturing, high quality, Montessori educational program in which children can realize their fullest potential.

NOTE: Please call all centers/providers for additional information regarding alternative financial options

EARLY CARE & EDUCATION PROGRAMS

**University of Connecticut Child Development Laboratories (Child Labs)*
Human Development Center
843 Bolton Rd., U-117
Storrs, CT 06269-1117

Phone: (860)486-2865 *Fax:* (860) 486-5278

Website: www.chldlabs@uconn.edu

Executive Director: Anne Bladen. Member of National Association for the Education of Young Children and the Council of Child Development Laboratory Administrators

Contact Person: Janice Boltseridge

Ages: 6 weeks to 5 years

Capacity: 16 infants (6 weeks to 18 mos.); 12 toddlers (18 mos.-3 yrs.); 40 preschoolers (3-5 yrs.)

Ratio: Infants/Toddlers 3 to 1, Preschool 6 to 1

Calendar: Mon.-Fri., September through mid-June. Closed 2 weeks in December, one week in November and one week in March. Closed major holidays.

Program hours: 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. (full day); 7:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. (half day), M-F

Minimum days or hours per week: All day, 5 days/wk.; mornings, 5 mornings/wk.

Fee structure: Infant and toddlers \$703-\$920 (FT) per month, Preschool \$623-840 (FT) per month.

License #: 13495

Staff Qualifications: 1st aid, Infant/Child CPR, Administration of OTI Meds, Administration of Inhalant meds.

Enrollment: Registration in April for following September

Waiting list available: yes - online

Brochure/flyer available: yes – see website

NAEYC accreditation: yes

NOTE: Please call all centers/providers for additional information regarding alternative financial options

EARLY CARE & EDUCATION PROGRAMS

**Willow House Preschool & Early Learning Center*

1208 Stafford Rd. (Rte 32)

Mansfield Depot, CT 06251

Phone: (860)429-5240

Email: willowhouse1@att.net

Website: willowhousedaycare.homestead.com

Director: Susan Daley

Ages: 6 weeks - 9 years; before-school care for school-age children; before- and after-school care for kindergarteners; summer camp sessions

Capacity: 37 children

Calendar: Mon.-Fri., year round, except 7 holidays.

Program hours: 7:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Fee structure: Full day, half day and part week; second child in family 10% discount

License #: 13500

Waiting list available: yes, please contact Director for more information

Brochure/flyer available: yes

NAEYC accreditation: yes

Staff Qualifications: Early Childhood Education, 1st aid, Infant/Child/Adult CPR, Administration of Inhalant meds and injectable meds.

Affiliations: National Association for Education of Young Children, Mansfield Advocates for Children, University of Connecticut.

Additional Info: Breakfast and PM snack provided

Curriculum: Teachers guide the development of infants & toddlers at an individual pace, allowing for each child to grow socially, emotionally and physically while following the Creative Curriculum. Preschool develop their daily interactions and guidance from the State of CT Preschool Curriculum & Assessment Framework.

Special features: A cooperative year round, non-profit early learning center providing quality care and learning experiences for children 6 weeks - 9 years through hands-on activities.

NOTE: Please call all centers/providers for additional information regarding alternative financial options

BEFORE and AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

The Mansfield Parks & Recreation After School Program
(at the Mansfield Community Center)
10 South Eagleville Rd.
Storrs/Mansfield, CT 06268

Phone: (860)429-3015 ext. 107
Fax: (860)429-9773
Email: callahanwr@mansfieldct.org
Website: www.mansfieldct.org/Community Center (logo)

Program Director: Bill Callahan

Ages: grades Kindergarten - 5

Capacity: 30 *Ratio:* 8 to 1

Calendar: Program operates all days school is in session, including scheduled early closings. If public school is closed due to inclement weather, this program is closed.

Program hours: School dismissal to 6pm. Free transportation is provided from the elementary and middle schools to the Community Center.

Minimum days/week: at least one (1) scheduled day/wk, 5 M-F (full-time)

Fee structure: monthly payment; registration fee, \$35.00

Enrollment: open

Waiting list available: yes

Brochure/flyer available: yes

Staff Qualifications: 1st aid, Infant/Child CPR

Additional info: Snack provided

Special features: Our philosophy: to provide leisure opportunities which contribute to the physical, emotional, intellectual and social needs of the participants. Within a safe and supportive environment we encourage children of all ages and abilities to participate in all aspects of the program. Our objectives: to provide activities which encourage individuals to explore areas of interest;; to provide a supervised program during after-school hours for school aged children; to provide activities that appeal to the interests of children in grades K-5.

Fee waiver program available, call for more information

NOTE: Please call all centers/providers for additional information regarding alternative financial options

BEFORE and AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Mansfield Before/After School Program

Goodwin Elementary School
321 Hunting Lodge Rd.
Storrs, CT 06268

Phone: (860)429-8476

Director: Bev Seiler

**Ages:* AM Program: Kindergarten to grade 4; *Goodwin students only*

PM Program: Kindergarten to grade 4, (grade 5 for graduates of M.A.S.P.) *Goodwin students only*

Capacity: AM: 17 children/day

PM: 40 children/day

Calendar: Program operates on all days Goodwin School is in session, including scheduled early closings. If Goodwin School closes early due to inclement weather, MASP is closed. If Goodwin School has a delayed opening, there is no morning program.

Program hours: Open 7a.m. to 6 p.m.

Minimum days/week: AM Program: 5 days/week

PM Program: 1 day/week

Fee structure: monthly fees for 1 to 5 days/wk. coverage

Enrollment: starts in April for the following school year, but enrollment is always open

Waiting list available: yes

Brochure/flyer available: yes

Special features: We offer indoor and outdoor play, crafts, field trips and other creative outlets for our children. We seek to provide meaningful child-centered activities, serving various age levels. MASP boasts an impressive, experienced staff of caring teachers.

This September we will again be offering a “Before” School Program

NOTE: Please call all centers/providers for additional information regarding alternative financial options

BEFORE and AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

SACCNE (School-Age Child Care Programs of Northeast CT, Inc.)

P.O. Box 264

Storrs, CT 06268

Phone/Fax: (860)455-0545

Program Director: Jean Bell

The Before and After school programs at Southeast and Vinton are on site programs at the schools. The program serves children K-8. Bus services is provided from MMS to SE and Vinton for the After School program and from SE and Vinton to MMS for the Before School program.

1. Annie E. Vinton Elementary Before School and After School Program

Annie Vinton Elementary School

306 Stafford Rd.

Phone: 423-3086 (school office); 423-9526 (before and after school program)

Ages: Kindergarten to grade 8

Capacity: 24 children; staff to child *Ratio:* 10 to 1

Calendar/hours: Programs operate on all days school is in session, from 7 a.m. to school start, and from school dismissal to 6 p.m.

Minimum days per week: Flexible scheduling is available.

Fee structure: Current registration fee is \$75. AM \$8.96 per day, per child. PM \$11.20 per day, per child.

Enrollment: Interested families should call 455-0545 for registration information.

Registration information available on site at each school.

Brochure available: yes

NOTE: Please call all centers/providers for additional information regarding alternative financial options

BEFORE and AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

SACCNE (School-Age Child Care Programs of Northeast CT, Inc.)
P.O. Box 264
Storrs, CT 06268

Phone/Fax: (860)455-0545

Program Director: Jean Bell

The Before and After school programs at Southeast and Vinton are on site programs at the schools. The program serves children K-8. Bus services is provided from MMS to SE and Vinton for the After School program and from SE and Vinton to MMS for the Before School program.

2. Southeast Elementary School Before and After School Program
Southeast Elementary School
134 Warrenville Rd.

Phone: 423-1611 (school office); 423-7706 (before and after school program)

Ages: Kindergarten to grade 8

Capacity: 30, staff to child Ratio: 10 to 1

Calendar/hours: Program operates on all days school is in session, from 7 a.m. to school start, and from school dismissal to 6 p.m.

Minimum days/hours per week: Flexible schedule available

Fee structure: Current registration fee is \$75. AM \$8.96 per day, per child. PM \$11.20 per day, per child.

Enrollment: Interested families should call 455-0545 for registration information.

Brochure/flyer available: yes

NAEYC accreditation: in process

NOTE: Please call all centers/providers for additional information regarding alternative financial options

HOME CARE

Lisa Beebe
ABC Daycare
30 Old Kent Road
Mansfield Center, CT 06250

Phone: (860)423-3447
Email: lisajeane85@gmail.com
School District: Vinton

Ages: 6 wks to middle school

Capacity: 6 full/part time slots and 3 before and after schoolers

Calendar: Mon.-Fri., all year, except major holidays, 6 weeks in summer and 1 weeks in winter.

Program hours: 6:45 am – 5:00 pm

Fee structure: Varies according to schedule.
License #: 48204

Special features: My background: home care since 1992, and former daycare teacher of 24 years; early childhood education; First-Aid CPR training (2 persons in house) and several years of educational workshops.

I provide a loving home environment. My home has a fenced-in back yard and is located on a dead-end street. Daily activities such as art, cooking, daily walks, music, stories and everyday lessons in sharing and caring. A nutritious breakfast and 2 snacks are provided.

NOTE: Please call all centers/providers for additional information regarding alternative financial options

HOME CARE

Suzanne Charron
Come Play with Me Daycare
385 Storrs Rd. (Rte. 195)
Mansfield Center, CT 06250

Phone: (860)423-4125
Email: suecharroncm@yahoo.com

School District: Southeast

Ages: 3 months - 12 years

Capacity: 6 full-time and 3 before- and after-school children.

Calendar: Mon.-Fri., all year, except major holidays and two weeks vacation.

Program hours: 7:00 am - 5:00 pm (flexible).

Fee structure: Daily and weekly rates.

License #: 52944

Enrollment: Open if space is available.

Special features: Come Play with Me Daycare provides a loving and caring environment to play and have fun in. We take weekly trips out (movies, bowling, etc.). When weather permits we like to go to parks, have picnics and enjoy our day outside. We are on Rte. 195, and I have a fenced-in yard.

I have 2 children of my own and enjoy doing crafts, reading stories and just dancing around with the kids. We have an open structure, which means that I like to see what the kids want to do for the day.

We have a playroom with personal cubbies and a quiet room for reading, computers and puzzles.

My goal is for the children to have fun and enjoy their day!

NOTE: Please call all centers/providers for additional information regarding alternative financial options

HOME CARE

Pamela Correll
Little People's Home Childcare
15 Higgins Highway (Rte. 31)
Mansfield Center, CT 06250

Phone: (860)450-0501

School District: Vinton

Ages: 3 months to 12 years

Capacity: 6 full-time, 3 part-time

Calendar: Mon.-Fri., all year, except for 4 weeks' vacation per year. Closed New Year's Day, Memorial Day, July 4th, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.

Program hours: 5:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Fee structure: Infants to 18 months \$175, Preschool (19 mos to 3 yrs) \$150, 3 yrs 1 month – Kindergarten \$135, before and after school \$75. Sliding scale by age; weekly or hourly rates; sibling discounts available. No charge for closed holidays. No charge for family vacations or personal religious holidays when arranged 2 weeks in advance.

Enrollment: Open enrollment based on space available.

Waiting list available: Yes

Brochure/flyer available: Yes

Staff Qualifications: 1st aid, Infant/Child CPR, Administration of OTI meds

License # 41224

Special features: Little People's Home Child Care is a warm, loving, flexible environment that caters to the individual child's needs and accommodates parents' work schedules.

I provide opportunities for outside playtime, coloring and painting, arts and crafts projects, story time and entertainment in an informally structured environment, just as you would at home.

My large back yard is equipped with a swing set, a kiddy play-scape, sandbox, wading pool, and many other outdoor toys. Weather permitting, we spend a good deal of each day outdoors.

Little People's Home Child Care is a member of the Providers' Nutrition Network, committed to providing nutritious meals and snacks.

State licensed back up and assistant available. Participant in Care4Kids Program

NOTE: Please call all centers/providers for additional information regarding alternative financial options

HOME CARE

Linda Cunningham
Circle of Friends
65 Circle Drive
Mansfield Center, CT 06250

Phone: (860) 423-8157
Cell: (860) 336-7619
Email: richanlulu@charter.net

School District: Southeast

Ages: 2 mos. - 4th grade

Capacity: 6 children plus 3 before- and after-schoolers

Calendar: Mon.-Fri., all year, except major holidays, the week between Christmas and New Year's and 2 weeks around the 4th of July.

Program hours: 7 a.m.- 5 p.m.

Minimum days or hours: 3 days minimum for part time; Part/Full time flexible

Fee structure: daily

License #: 51624

Enrollment: open

Waiting list available: yes

Special features: Circle of Friends offers a warm, loving place where your child(ren) can grow and learn, and provides opportunities for learning through a wide variety of activities to fit each individual child and age group -- such as math, science, dramatic play, even cooking time with supervision. With schedule and instruction children can learn so much through play. We have a story time every day. We believe reading is one of the most important building blocks for a child and will always be encouraged. Drop-ins are always welcome to our home. Meals and snacks are provided morning and afternoon.

NOTE: Please call all centers/providers for additional information regarding alternative financial options

HOME CARE

Diane Dorfer
Green Dragons Day Care
87 Bassetts Bridge Road
Mansfield Center, CT 06250

Phone: (860)423-8305
Email: diane_dorfer@hotmail.com

School District: South East

Ages: All ages

Capacity: 6 Full-time and 3 before and after school

Calendar: All year Monday through Friday, excluding two weeks for vacation

Program hours: 7:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Minimum days or hours per week: at least 2 part time days

Fee structure: per individual schedule

Enrollment: open

Waiting list available: yes

Brochure/flyer available: no

Staff Qualifications: 1st aid/CPR; previous experience as a before and after school program coordinator, B.S. in Biology

License # 54523

Additional Info: Snacks and meals provided Pet(s) 1 dog, 2 cats, fish, chickens, goats

Curriculum: .See Below

Special features: .As a newly licensed day care (Sept. 07), I am excited to open my home and farm to young children. We have a large indoor space for children to play in as well as a fenced yard, vegetable field, and a small wood lot for children to explore. I don't run my day care on a preschool model but rather as an open environment for children to learn about themselves and their world. We read, do art projects, engage in creative play, cook, clean, go for walks, feed the animals, play in the garden, and attempt group decision making. We often go on field trips to the library, community center, and local parks, I use simple sign language with the youngest kids and fully support breast feeding moms.

NOTE: Please call all centers/providers for additional information regarding alternative financial options

HOME CARE

Vincentia (Tia) Fricano
Forever Friends Day Care
32 Puddin Lane
Mansfield Center, CT 06250

Phone: (860)456-1176

School District: Vinton

Ages: 6 months - pre-kindergarten

Capacity: 6 FT, 3 PT (will consider Kindergarten and B/A School) *Ratio:* 6 to1

Calendar: Open during the Mansfield Public School year, Mon.-Fri.; open during the summer Mon – Thurs. Follow the school calendar for holidays, winter and spring break.

Program hours: 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Minimum days or hours per week: part-timers considered on space-available basis

Fee structure: daily/weekly rates; per day \$42, Infant \$195 per wk, Preschool \$195 per wk

Enrollment: open

Waiting list available: yes

Brochure/flyer available: no

Staff Qualifications: 1st aid, CPR

License # 21194

Additional Info: Meals provided. Pet(s) 1 dog 1 cat

Curriculum: I am presently following Funshine Express Early Learning.

Special features: It is my philosophy to provide a loving, caring and nurturing environment for the children placed in my day care. I hope the children come to think of my day care as a home away from home. I use a theme-based preschool curriculum. In addition, we read, have music and movement, cook, play outdoors and have plenty of time for free play to interact with one another. We occasionally take field trips.

I provide meals and snacks. I am first aid and CPR certified and an active member of the Windham Area Family Child Care Association.

NOTE: Please call all centers/providers for additional information regarding alternative financial options

HOME CARE

Beth Galvin
1 Hickory Lane
Mansfield Center, CT 06250

Phone: (860) 429-0352
Email: bhgal_06250@yahoo.com

School District: Southeast

Ages: 6 weeks - kindergarten

Capacity: 6 full-time, 3 part-time, before and after school care available.

Calendar: Mon.-Fri., all year, except 2 weeks in August and 2 days during the school year.
Closed on these holidays: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, July 4th, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas and Dec. 26.

Program hours: 7 a.m. – 5:15 p.m.

Minimum days/hours per week: 2 half days

Fee structure: \$4.00 per hour

Enrollment: always open if space available

Waiting list available: yes

Brochure/flyer available: no

Staff Qualifications: 1st aid, Infant/Child CPR

Additional Info: am and pm snacks, lunch Pet(s) 1 dog

License #: 26124

Special features: I have a B.Ed. degree in Early Childhood Education.

Large, fenced yard; varied activities -- outside play, art, baking, stories, songs, free play.

NOTE: Please call all centers/providers for additional information regarding alternative financial options

HOME CARE

Mary Hodgins
Old Schoolhouse Family Child Care/Preschool
23 Old Schoolhouse Rd.
Storrs, CT 06268

Phone: (860)429-7095

School District: Goodwin/MMS

Ages: 12 months - grade 5

Capacity: 9 children (2 under 2 yrs.; 4 between 2 and 5 yrs.; 3 before- and after-school)

Calendar: Mon.-Fri., all year, except major holidays and 3 weeks' vacation during the year.

Program hours: 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m. (full day); 7-8:15 a.m. (before school); 4-5 p.m. (after school).

Minimum days or hours per week: flexible depending on current openings – full days

Fee structure: daily/weekly

License #: 35279

Enrollment: open

Capacity: 6 Full Time, 3 Before and After school

Staff Qualifications: 1st aid, Infant/Child CPR

Waiting list available: yes

Brochure/flyer available: yes

Additional Info: Meals included Pet(s) 1 dogs 2 cats

Special features: A “Homey” natural learning environment where children are offered a large indoor area specifically designed for home day care with many special features. The provider offers a large array of pre-school activities with a focus on time to learn social interaction. The provider is situated at the end of a cul-de-sac with a large fenced-in play area offering many physical and hands-on activities to help nurture and develop young bodies and minds.

Also included in your child's day is a professionally-developed pre-school program designed to develop basic skills essential to the learning curve as they progress in age towards formal schooling. A meal program is available which supplies breakfast, lunch and a snack at no additional cost. UConn students working with America Reads Program provide a story and activity once a week. The provider has a Child Development Associate certificate, is First Aid and CPR certified, and is also a member of the Family Child Care Providers Association of Tolland County.

NOTE: Please call all centers/providers for additional information regarding alternative financial options

HOME CARE

Karri Prandy
Kare-A-Lot Daycare
10 Ridge Road
Storrs-Mansfield, CT 06268

Email: karealot07@sbcglobal.net

Phone: (860)208-0503

School District: Goodwin

Ages: 6 months up

Capacity: 6 Full-time, 3 before/after school, 2 full-timers under 2

Calendar: All year, except holidays and 3 weeks vacation

Program Hours: 7:00am – 5:00pm FT, School yr, Summer, Standard day, Before/After School)
FT, B/A school.

Minimum days/hours per week: Inquire

Fee Structure: Infant \$165 per week, Preschool \$150 per week, School age \$85 per week,

Additional Info: snacks and beverages provided

Pet(s) 1 dog not exposed to daycare
space during business hours

License #: 54607

Special features: Kare-A-Lot is located on a quiet cul de sac with a playground. There is free play, games, arts and crafts, reading, “learning” time, very flexible schedule daily. We offer a relaxed, loving, family environment.

NOTE: Please call all centers/providers for additional information regarding alternative financial options

HOME CARE

Kathy Stearns
Kathy's Daycare
25 Stearns Road
Mansfield, CT 06268

Phone: (860)423-4618

School District: Annie Vinton

Ages: 3 months – 9 yrs

Capacity: 6 fulltime, 3 before and after school

Calendar: Mon – Fri, full time and part time, year round, flexible hours, drop-ins

Program hours: 7:00am – 5pm

License: 53248

Staff Qualification: 1st aid, Infant Child CPR

Meals: breakfast, snacks and drinks provided

Affiliations: Mansfield Advocates for Children

Environment: Smoke free, AC in summer, huge yard, swing set, country playhouse.

Animals: pony and three dogs

Curriculum: Free play, puzzles, painting, abc's, lots of reading.

NOTE: Please call all centers/providers for additional information regarding alternative financial options